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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/822, 542

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For: VALIDATING KEYING MATERIAL BY
USING A VALIDATION AREA OF
READ-ONLY MEDIA TO PREVENT PLAY-
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